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June 2009 Newsletter

June Luncheon

Join us on Monday June 8th for the next Chamber luncheon.

The Chamber will be honoring our annual scholarship recipients at this month's meeting, as well as doing some great networking.

Monday, June 8th, 2009 11:30 AM

Lake Stevens School District
Educational Service Center, Room A
12309 22nd Street NE • Downtown Lake Stevens
\$10 for members • \$15 for non-members

Please RSVP with the Chamber office, 425-334-0433 or info@lakestevenschamber.com by Wednesday, June 3rd, or Pre-register and make payment via PayPal from the Chamber's website www.lakestevenschamber.com
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Networking Social Hour

Thursday, June 18th

"Summer Sizzle and Sample"

Hosted at

Sunnyside Preschool & Kindergarten
402 91st Avenue NE, Lake Stevens

5:00-7:00 p.m.

President's Message

Thank you Chamber members! Your commitment to the Chamber continues to speak volumes for the value of membership to the Chamber. Remember, there is no better way to expose your business to the community than through the Chamber.

I'm sure most of you are aware that Joe's Sporting Goods and Craft Star are, or will soon be closing their doors in Lake Stevens. In addition, Bridges Pet Store is moving out of Frontier Village and consolidating their businesses in Snohomish. We are sad to see them go; however, we wish the businesses and all their employees the very best. Even though they were not Chamber members, they were a big part of our community.

After reading the news lately about the impacts the national recession is having on many cities, such as the City of Snohomish, how will losing these businesses impact our City Government? According to City Administrator Jan Berg, the City of Lake Stevens currently will not have to make any changes to their 2009 budget while losing three retailers in the Frontier Village commercial area. Berg said during the 2009 budget process the Mayor and City Council



Randy Celori
2009 Chamber President

decided to conservatively budget and reduced the amount of sales tax revenue estimated to be received based on 2008. For the first four months of this year the actual sales tax received has been slightly higher than expected, thereby covering the expected loss of revenue from the closing of the stores in 2009. The City will

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President's message continued . . .

continue to monitor its sales tax revenue throughout the year to see if any future budget adjustments will be needed.

Even with the closure of a few stores, additional business opportunities are still coming to Lake Stevens. Walgreens is under construction and should open this summer. In addition new construction is underway next to Team Fitness. This development will consist of five multi-tenant retail buildings with over 35,000 square feet of commercial space with associated site enhancements. The site will create both a central area that serves as the shopping center and a walk-able area where the buildings support the storefront image onto the street.

In closing, I would like to thank Senator Hobbs, Representatives Hope and Dunshee, County Council Members Koster and Somers, and Mayor Little for participating in the Chamber Leadership Breakfast. Our elected officials provided plenty of worthwhile information for those who were able to attend. A special thanks goes to our office manager Donna Foster, Pam Stevens with the *Lake Stevens Journal* and Doug Warren of Larsen Financial Services who made this event possible and a great success.

Stay up to date with what is going on in our community by checking out the Chamber website and our Chamber page published in the business edition in the *Lake Stevens Journal*. I am looking forward to seeing you at chamber luncheon on June 8th.

Best wishes for success!

Sincerely,
Randy W. Celori
President

Newsletter Ad Sales/Renewals

The two inch square ads found in this Chamber newsletter run for six months at a time for \$125. The next contract for ads will run from July through December. If you have an ad right now and would like to renew, or if you would like to be included as a new ad for the next six months, please contact Donna at the Chamber office 425-334-0433 or info@lakestevenschamber.com.

Chamber Members Needed to Staff Aquafest Info Booth

As in past years, the Chamber's involvement with Aquafest will include staffing the information booth. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to take a two hour shift sometime throughout the weekend of July 24th-26th beginning at noon on Friday. You are welcome to promote your business with business cards, flyers, etc. during your shift.

Please contact Donna at the Chamber office for more information, or to reserve your time slot ~ info@lakestevenschamber.com.

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“The Chamber Board believes we should be one community in business, education, governance and living, and will work toward this goal.”

Chamber Networking Social Hour

Join us **Thursday, June 18th** at "Summer Sizzle and Sample" hosted by Cindy Brengman at Sunnyside Preschool & Kindergarten, along with Sherwood Community Services and RMG Web Design, at 402 91st Avenue NE, Lake Stevens from 5:00-7:00 p.m. *Please RSVP with the Chamber office.*

New Chamber Website & Email

The Greater Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce board of directors is pleased to announce the Chamber's new, updated, website! Check it out and don't forget to update your address book with the new email address and website listing for the Chamber.

The new website address is www.LakeStevensChamber.com and the new email is info@LakeStevensChamber.com.

We would be happy to receive comments and suggestions on the new site.



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Chamber Seeking Nominations for 2009 Citizen & Jr. Citizen of the Year

The Greater Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce is looking for a few good citizens. We are seeking nominations for our annual Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year awards. The annual award has been handed out since 1982 to residents with a history of outstanding local volunteer service or who have made other significant contributions to the community. Last year's awards went to Fred Cushman (Citizen) and Jasmyn Friend (Jr. Citizen). Winners are honored at a Chamber luncheon and in the Aquafest Grand Parade as well as having their photos displayed at the Chamber office for the year.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office, Lake Stevens City Hall, Lake Stevens Library and Foster Press. **Nomination forms must be returned by June 15th.** (*Print out nomination form on page 8 of this newsletter.*)

Thank You From DECA

Dear Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce,

On behalf of Lake Stevens DECA, we would like to thank you for purchasing an advertisement in the annual *DECA Enterprise*. Without your support, the DECA class would not have had this excellent opportunity to expand our contact and familiarity with the Lake Stevens community. Furthermore, your assistance has extended our level of influence over the minds of all those who will read the *DECA Enterprise*. Additionally, you have shown the community of Lake Stevens that your businesses care about the local students and are actively taking steps to improve the community which we all share. Thank you for your contribution to the business leaders of the future.

Cordially,

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Business of the Month

Lake Stevens Education Foundation

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The Lake Stevens Education Foundation (LSEF) is a non-profit organization that supports public education in the Lake Stevens School District. The organization was founded in 1993 and primarily provides Innovate Teaching and Learning Grants to schools or classrooms; programs for early childhood education, including Academic Beginnings for Children and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library; and scholarships to high school seniors.

Our annual Wine & Dessert Auction is scheduled for November 21st. The Auction is one of our major fundraising events and raises money to support our programs. It is a fun, community event where you can interact with your neighbors and friends and support a worthy cause. The event will be held in the gym at Team Fitness this year.

In June of 2008 LSEF teamed up with United Way to provide Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program to the community. Any child from birth to five, who resides in the Lake Stevens School District, is eligible for this program. Once a child registers for Imagination Library, they receive a free age appropriate book monthly. As of last month, this program has provided books to 877 children in our area. Our Academic Beginnings for Children Coalition continues to be active and is looking for funding to expand the program in 2010.

In May the Scholarship Committee awarded \$12,000 in LSEF scholarships. Also awarded was the Harv Jubie scholarship for \$1000. DECA scholarships and other managed scholarships will still be awarded this year. As recipients from a Northwest Dollars for Scholars chapter, some of these students will be eligible to receive matching funds from the college they attend.

This past school year, over \$10,400 was awarded in Learning Grants. Some of the projects are:

- Why Try – Drop Out Prevention
- Robotics Program
- Literacy Nights
- Destination Imagination
- Assistive Technology Lending Program
- Performing Arts...Starts Drama Program

Chamber members can be involved with LSEF in a number of ways, including:

- Sponsor a scholarship in your business or personal name. Amounts can vary.
- Sponsor a child for the Imagination Library program.
- Distribute our Imagination Library registration and sponsor forms to your clients.
- Sponsor our upcoming Dessert & Wine Auction, or donate an item for the auction.

For more information about the LS Education Foundation, contact Debe Franz at 425-446-9296 or execdirector@lakestevenseducationfoundation.org. For more information about Academic Beginnings for Children contact Leslie Elsemore at abc@lakestevenseducationfoundation.org.

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Smiles by Steedman is home to a family dental practice that truly cares, for each and every one of our extended family of dental patients! Dr. Scott Steedman and his team are here to provide you and your family with the level of care and compassion that you want and deserve. Our team is committed to serve our community by making a positive difference in the health of our patients, while utilizing the most biocompatible and environmentally friendly treatments available. We believe in providing education that allows our patients to make choices based on their wants and needs. Whether you are looking for aesthetic treatments, function, or simply maintenance, it is our personal goal to help you succeed, and to enjoy a beautiful smile for life!

We feel so strongly about your smile being the best that it can be, that we offer all of our new patients complimentary teeth whitening, with the purchase of their New Patient exam, any necessary x-rays, and teeth cleaning (a \$350 value!).

Our commitment to our patients is three fold:

- ~Education for individual choices
- ~Excellence of treatment
- ~Environmentally conscientious

We are committed to a trusting partnership with our patients and value their opinions and feedback. We take the extra time to deliver comfortable, quality dental care in a relaxed atmosphere. We want you to know that we truly care, and will strive to serve you in such a way you feel as though you've received more than you expected.

We are a general and cosmetic office that offers the latest advances in dentistry, such as digital radiographs, Invisalign (invisible braces), implants, and one visit BOOST whitening treatments.

We are preferred providers for Regence and Premera Blue Cross, and we accept most Washington Dental Service plans. We also accept Care Credit, and work closely with your insurance company to make your treatment as affordable as possible.

Our office is conveniently located in Frontier Village. It would be our pleasure to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to give us a call at 425.334.4087. We look forward to hearing from you!

Chamber/Business News

Snohomish Chamber Networking Breakfast

EXPAND YOUR HORIZON . . . The second quarterly Snohomish Chamber Networking Breakfast is scheduled for June 23, 2009. Again Chamber members from Lake Stevens and Monroe are invited to attend this breakfast meeting at the Snohomish Boys and Girls Club. Doors open at 7 a.m. with the meeting to start at 7:30 a.m. and be concluded by 9 a.m. The meeting sponsor is Horizon Bank,

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Snohomish Branch and the Breakfast sponsor is Metropolitan Mortgage Group.

Businesses are offered space to display business information at an additional fee of \$15 per half table with space availability limited. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Chamber web-site with a link from the home page. The networking meeting cost is \$10 to all Chamber Members and \$15 for non-members. *See attached flyer and registration form for more details and RSVP info.*

Local Business Owner Honored

John Smythe, Owner of **CMIT Solutions** of Everett, was presented with the Leadership Award at the company's annual convention. Running under the tagline "Make IT Your Mission," the event was held from April 30th to May 2nd at the Marriot Mission Valley in San Diego, Calif.

"Receiving this recognition is truly an honor," said Smythe. "I take pride in my work and service to the Everett area, so it is my pleasure to accept this award on behalf of the local business community."

"We applaud John for achieving this accomplishment," said Jeff Connally, president and CEO of CMIT Solutions. "John's leadership is exactly the type of behavior we hope all CMIT professionals will emulate. John provides valuable service to the Everett area and is a great asset to the community."

Featuring several breakout sessions, guest speakers and various award presentations, CMIT Solutions' annual convention focused on topics such as "Best Practices for Hiring and Managing your Team" and "Leveraging your Techs as Salesman." Presentations were also made on maintaining client relationships and dealing with economic uncertainty.

"Overall, the event was a rewarding experience that enabled me to return to the Everett area better equipped to serve local business professionals," added Smythe. "I am most grateful that I was presented with this award in front of my peers. I thank CMIT Solutions for their constant support and encouragement."

For more information about CMIT Solutions of Everett, contact John Smythe at 425.374.2436.



Community News

The American Legion

Annual flag retirement ceremony to be held **Sunday, June 14th** at 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 42 will perform this special event along with American Legion Post 181. Flags that have been collected from the flag depository boxes during the last six months will be properly disposed of according to the U.S. Flag Code. If you have a flag that you want to retire, simply drop it in the white flag box at the war memorial in downtown Lake Stevens or outside of Bartell's at Frontier Village. Troop 42 has asked other scout groups to join them. If you have questions contact Tony Morea at 360.631.3242.

Farmers' Market

The Lake Stevens Farmers' Market will open downtown at North Cove Park on **Thursday, June 4th**. The Market will be open every Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to sunset throughout the summer, rain or shine.

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Lake Stevens Lions Club Fishing Derby



Saturday, June 6, 2009 ~ Cash Prizes! All prizes awarded day of derby, must be present to win. Tickets \$10.00 per person ~ weigh-in will be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the cove boat launch. Only fish caught in Lake Stevens the day of the derby are eligible. Trout, Bass, Yellow Perch, and Kokanee only. All state and federal rules and regulations apply, all decisions made are final, ties will be broken by earliest weigh-in. Tickets sold until 12 noon on Saturday, June 6th - Tickets must be purchased prior to start of fishing. Tickets are available at Greg's Custom Rods, Main Street Coffee, and from Lake Stevens Lions Club members. For info please call Greg's Custom Rods at 425-335-1391.

Car Wash & Garage Sale at Tigers Black Belt



Tigers Black Belt Academy will be holding a Fund Raising Event to benefit Relay for Life. Join them for a Car Wash & Garage Sale on **Saturday, June 6th** from 10:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m. at Tigers Black Belt Academy, 9327 4th St. NE, Suite 1-A, Lake Stevens. Contact Tigers BB at 425-334-4500 or master@tigersbb.com for more information.

Library Events



Lake Stevens Library Book Group ~ Wednesday, **June 10th** at 7:00 p.m. Join the discussion of "Galileo's Daughter" by Dava Sobel. For Adults.

Creative Conjuring Magic Show ~ Saturday, **June 20th** at 4:00 p.m. Black belt magician and "Creative Conjuror" Jeff Evens will kick off the Summer Reading Program. His wacky inventions, amazing toys, and magical mayhem grab attention and open minds.

Create Collage Art ~ Wednesday, **June 24th** at 11:00 a.m. Using the art of famous illustrators and artists as inspiration, create unique works of art using a variety of different kinds of paper and other craft materials. Bring your ideas and imagination to design your own creative collages. This program is part of our summer reading series.

Ready Readers Family Storytime ~ Thursdays, **June 25th-Aug 13th** at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and activities to help develop reading readiness. A playtime or craft may follow. For ages 18 months and up with caregiver. Supported by the Friends of the Lake Stevens Library.

Lake Stevens Fire



Lake Stevens Fire will hold a **Community Open House** event at Station 82, 9811 Chapel Hill Road, Lake Stevens on **Saturday, June 13th** from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Join us for the annual **Health & Safety Fair** ~ **Saturday, June 20th** from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Albertson's Parking Lot.

Lake Stevens Ironman 70.3

As most of you have already heard, the Ironman 70.3 is coming to Lake Stevens again this year. This World Qualifier event takes place on Sunday, August 16th, but most of the athletes, many with their families, will arrive on Friday or earlier to pick up their packets and become familiar with our town and our lake.

At this time the committee is still in need of sponsors and volunteers to help make this a successful event. If you would like to receive more information on how you can get involved contact the Chamber office at info@lakestevenschamber.com or 425-334-0433.





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2009 Citizen/Jr. Citizen of the Year Nomination Form

I wish to nominate the person named below as the Greater Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce Citizen/Junior Citizen of the Year. Please circle one category (Junior Citizen must be 18 years or younger).

I feel this person should receive this honor because he/she has given outstanding volunteer service to the Greater Lake Stevens area over a period of time. This individual has made significant contributions of benefit to the residents of our community in one or more ways. Please describe below (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

Name _____ Phone _____ Age _____ (Jr. only)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Date _____

Describe specific volunteer activities, dates of service & contributions: _____

The panel of judges will make their determination based on the information received, so please be specific. If you have questions, please call the Chamber Office at 425-334-0433 or email info@lakestevenschamber.com. The Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year will be honored during Aquafest and at a Chamber luncheon.

All nominations must be received in the Chamber office by June 15, 2009.

Fax to: 425.334.8155

Optional Information

or

Mail to: CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
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Submitted by _____

Phone _____